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there. One of them in particular, we add two members to the EMS Board, to balance out, and make sure that that board functions as it is intended. We make some changes in the Brain Injury Registry to fall into the federal guidelines and also would authorize us to receive some federal grants as a result of that compliance. We deal with discretionary positions in the Department of Health and Human Services. We maintain the system advocate in Health and Human Services that we established with the reform of the system a couple years ago. And then finally, we don't require the rubella test for women that are about to get married, it's found to be cumbersome and not productive. There's...these are the kinds of changes that we have in here. I don't know that there's any great controversy at all with any of them, and I'd be happy to go to the committee amendments when you're ready.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely, committee amendments, you may open. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM2955, on page 530 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you. Again, Madam President, the committee amendments are LB 1040 amended into the bill as LB 1040 was advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee. LB 1040 is a bill, actually was a bill, 587, I believe it was last year, that dealt with the technical change of codifying the shift of the Office of Juvenile Services under the Health and Human Service System when we went to the partnership. And we had some statutes, over in Corrections, that needed to be transferred over along with it that didn't get done at the time in last year's bill, and now this year's, LB 1040 came in to do that. There are some points of controversy, and Senator Suttle, unfortunately, is not here, but I want to give her absolute credit. She led a task force through with the judges, with the departments, with the advocates, and we ended up with a consensus on this. And the recodification, I don't know of anybody who has a problem with it at this point. What it does is again it's statutes that are in the wrong place in the statute books and essentially takes them and places them in the right place under Health and Human Services. It does...one of the compromises was that it does have the OJS budget be separate from the Health and Human Service budget, so it doesn't get lost. That was one of the concerns some of the advocates had.